

soever, which to a Court Baron do belong, and to have and hold View of Frank pledge, (for the Conservation of the Peace, and the better Government of those parts) by themselves, or their Stewards, or by the Lords; for the Time being, of other Mannors, to be deputed when they shall be erected: And in the same, to use all things belonging to view of Frank pledge.

AND further, Our Pleasure is, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We Do Covenant and Grant to and with the said now *Lord Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, That We, Our Heirs and Successors; shall at no Time hereafter set or make, or cause to be set, any Imposition, Custom or other Taxation, Rate or Contribution whatsoever, in or upon the Dwellers and Inhabitants of the foresaid Province, for their Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattles within the said Province, or in or upon any Goods or Merchandizes, within the said Province, or to be laden and unladen within any the Ports or Harbours of the said Province: And Our Pleasure is, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We Charge and Command, that this Our Declaration shall be hence-forward, from Time to Time received and allowed in all Our Courts, and before all the Judges of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and lawful Discharge, Payment and Acquittance: Commanding all and singular, Our Officers and Ministers of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, and enjoying them upon pain of Our high Displeasure, that they do not presume at any time to attempt any thing to the contrary of the Premises, or that they do in any sort withstand the same, but that they be at all Times aiding and assisting, as is fitting, unto the said now *Lord Baltimore*; and his Heirs; and to the Inhabitants and Merchants of *Maryland* aforesaid, their Servants; Ministers, Factors and Assigns, in the full use and fruition of the Benefit of this our Charter.

AND further, Our Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do Grant unto the said now *Lord Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, and to the Tenants and Inhabitants of the said Province of *Maryland*, both present and to come, and to every of them, that the said Province, Tenants, and Inhabitants of the said Colony or Country, shall not from hence forth be held or reputed as a Member, or as part of the Land of *Virginia*, or of any other Colony-whosoever, now transported, or hereafter to be transported, nor shall be depending on, or subject to their Government in any thing, from whom We do separate that, and them. And Our Pleasure is, by these Presents, That they be separated, and that they be Subject *immediately* to Our Crown of *England*, as depending thereof forever.

AND if perchange hereafter it should happen, that any Doubts or Questions should arise concerning the true Sense and Understanding of any Word, Clause or Sentence contained in this Our present Charter, We Will, Ordain and Command, that at all Times, and in all Things, such Interpretation be made thereof, and allowed in any of Our Courts whatsoever, as shall be judged most Advantageous and Favourable unto the said now *Lord Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns. *Provided always*, That no Interpretation be admitted thereof, by which *God's Holy and Truly Christian Religion*, or the Allegiance due unto Us,

*material grandfather was Branch Chamberlain  
Dorchester, near Oxford - my father John Lister  
Knew & married his daughter Molly Bay Chamberlain*